

DRUG ADDICTS ARE ON INCREASE IN BRITISH ISLES

Frequenters of Night Clubs and Cabarets Who Crave New Sensation Are Turning to Cocaine and Other Drugs

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LONDON, Sept. 28.—England is experiencing one of the worst dope waves in history, according to Scotland Yard officials, who are working day and night to check the illegal traffic in drugs.

Dope taking gained a tremendous impetus, according to the London sleuths, after the famous case of Billie Carlton, a popular young English actress, who committed suicide about a year and a half ago by taking an overdose of cocaine.

The majority of the drug addicts are young women and men ranging between the ages of 18 and 25 years. These young people are ever seeking a new sensation. They are the habitués of London's night clubs, cabarets, and the ultra-smart restaurants and hotels of the fashionable West End.

The contempt of London's famous detective organization for these young dope addicts is supreme; they term them a set of young "rattle brains" who, after exhausting all the various sensations of American cocktails, which are concocted by the hundreds in the night clubs, have taken to drugs for want of a new sensation. They even intimate that dope would be a public benefactor if it cleared London of this class of idle young sensation seekers—it would at least do them a good turn and allow them to take a rest.

Peculiarly the Hub. The publicity which was given to the Billie Carlton case attracted the attention of London's gilded youth, who, that time were listening to their first jazz music and on whom the taste of unfamiliar cocktails had begun to cloy, so they tried "coke" and "snow" just for the fun of it. The disastrous results of trying drugs just for the experience is plainly seen in the West End of London.

Peculiarly, which the Londoner loves to call the center of the world, or the hub of the universe, has become the center of underworld drug trafficking, according to my informant.

The number of drunken diners and dancers in the restaurants, hotels and cabarets have almost disappeared and instead nervous young men and girls, with cheeks of the pallor which dope alone produces, with eyes under which dark circles are perceptible, are to be found raising their food or glasses to their mouths with shaking hands, which might seem to keep time to the electric harmonic waves of the jazz-intoxicated negroes of the band.

On the streets of the West End, on Piccadilly, Coventry street and Shaftesbury avenue and the innumerable small streets and cul de sacs leading off these main thoroughfares, are to be found the worst examples, or the ultimate results of the drug habit, leaning or huddled against the doorways, sleeping in the alleyways leading from restaurant kitchens at night. They will tell any gullible pedestrian the story of their downfall for the price of a cup of coffee and a sandwich.

Why Dope Habit Grows. They get their "coke" or "snow" from seemingly well-to-do young men about town, who frequent the restaurants and cabarets and peddle

DUBS PRESIDENT WILSON "KNIGHT OF THE RAISIN"



MISS VIOLET OLIVER.

Miss Violet Oliver, eighteen, known as California's prettiest girl, called on President Wilson a few days ago and dubbed him "Knight of the Raisin" as a part of the campaign she is waging to increase the use of raisins, now

that California grape growers' prosperity has been threatened by prohibition. Miss Oliver has already visited forty-two states in her campaign.

the drugs to their customers. The detectives sit among the diners and dancers and keep their eyes open. Often they see couple after couple go up and exchange a word or two of greeting with a young man sitting alone, and although no object has been seen to change hands, the man is watched. Sometimes it results in the discovery of the source of his dope from a doctor or dentist, or the numerous parcels of drugs in his fashionable flat, but more often than not the miscreant goes unconvinced, as the sleuths can not establish sufficient evidence against him because of his well-guarded methods. It generally results in a direct warning to the drug trafficker.

The one outstanding feature of the whole dope wave is that there are few convictions for drug trafficking, and Londoners are beginning to ask themselves if their police are incapable of coping with this new menace.

Scotland Yard thinks that the night clubs, or cabarets, are the source of all the trouble, and that if they were closed the drug wave would die a

natural death. It points out that a former notorious member of New York's underworld, now the proprietor of one of London's best-known cabarets, was implicated in the Billie Carlton case.

Close down the night clubs, is the cry of Scotland Yard, and there will be no more dope. The opium joints of Limehouse are as innocent as country pastures compared to these dens of iniquity.

WAS LINCOLN'S FRIEND. ROSDALE, Kas., Sept. 29. (By International News Service.)—Judge F. E. Cheaney, 79, born in Abingdon, Ill., in 1841, and who heard the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates, when he was a law student, died here. He was a personal friend of President Lincoln.

WANTS BALLOTS CHANGED. READING, Mass., Sept. 29. (By International News Service.)—Ex-Senator Edward E. Barnes, who is running for the governor's council, is advocating a bill to have candidates' names put on the ballot in the order nomination papers are filed.

FOREST FIRE LOSS FACTOR IN HIGHER PRICE OF LUMBER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Every time there is a forest fire it is contributing factor to the increasing price of lumber, according to Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Forestry association, who, in a statement here denounced the needless \$30,000,000 annual forest fire loss of the United States as "a wasteful strain upon the resources of the nation."

Standing timber is being cut and destroyed by fire, diseases and insects, he said, more than four times as fast as new trees are being grown. "Here is an example of what confronts the nation," declared Mr. Pack. "The wholesale prices on upper grades of softwood lumber in New York were from \$20 to \$25 a thousand feet prior to 1905, when mills in

the same state supplied the market; from \$35 to \$45 between 1905 and 1917, when most of the supply came from the lake states and the South, and are now entering a general level of \$130 a thousand feet with a large part of the material coming from the Pacific coast."

"Many industries have been unable to secure their supplies of timber at any price. The output of certain entire industries has been reduced as much as 50 per cent. Necessities have fared worse than luxuries. The ramifications of lumber shortage and high prices are limitless and have affected seriously practically our entire population."

"SOME BABY."

DECATUR, Ind., Sept. 29. (By International News Service.)—The largest normal baby in the United States, in the belief of the parents, is Lauree, child of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Myers, living in Washington township, near here. The babe, born on Aug. 28, 1919, weighed 15 pounds at birth. On its first birthday it weighed 45 pounds, having shown consistent rapid growth. The parents are small, the father weighing 150 pounds and the mother 135. Each is less than 5 feet tall.

PHEASANTS TO THRIVE NORTH DAKOTA WOODS

VALLEY CITY, N. D., Sept. 29. (By International News Service.)—Sixty pheasant pens were set at liberty in the wooded country near here recently by the North Dakota fish and game commission. Four more flocks of 50 each will be liberated in other parts of the state in the next few weeks. The birds were bred on the state game farm near Grafton.

This is the inauguration of a campaign to stock North Dakota farm lands and unsettled areas with this hardy and gorgeous bird which furnishes splendid shooting and is rarely toothsome. The most successful experiment of the kind ever made in America was in Oregon. A few ring-neck pheasants liberated there multiplied so rapidly that in a few years they were plentiful in all the wild coveys of the state. The original home of the ring-neck is Northern China, where the winters are severe, and it is believed North Dakota will be ideally adapted to a bird of such radical cold weather conditions.

Prairie chickens, a related species, which once flourished in North Dakota by the millions, have been greatly reduced in numbers by indiscriminate shooting. Under protective laws they are gradually coming back. The ring-neck pheasant added to the increased prairie chicken population, it is pointed out, will mean another attraction to settlers, who will find sport as well as prosperity in North Dakota farms.

WOMAN ELECTION EXPERT WILL INSTRUCT VOTERS

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 29. (By International News Service.)—All inquiries from women voters relative to registration or voting will be answered by a woman election expert, Miss Anna Marcus, at the offices of the county board of elections here.

Miss Marcus, who has been the board's assistant secretary for 15 years, is credited with being one of the best informed persons on election matters in Ohio. She spent years tabulating official counts, preparing reports of the election board, and in looking after details concerning conduct of the office and management of elections.

AMNESIA CASE PUZZLES.

CHELSEA, Mass., Sept. 29. (By International News Service.)—An amnesia victim is locked in the local police station at his own request. "Who am I?" he asks over and over again. He wears blue serge trousers, a green shirt and tan shoes; no coat. He has \$20 and a gold watch. He is of middle age.

Ohio Town Gets Rich Over Fines Given Bootleggers

AKRON, O., Sept. 29. (By International News Service.)—Before national prohibition came predictions were made that mucky—and dirty—would be the privations which would follow in the wake of the loss of revenue which the liquor interests had been paying to national, state and municipal authorities. Apparently, there has been a rude awakening.

It now appears that prohibition is a big paying investment. Investigation discloses that municipalities and townships in this county are deriving a revenue three times as big as during the days when, under license, booze, hooch, at it could be sold legally, and a portion of the license money paid into the state treasury by the liquor dealers was distributed among the local political subdivisions of the state.

Under an act passed by the Ohio legislature all fines collected from moonshiners, bootleggers, still ricks, speakeasies and other denizens of rain-jack are retained when collected, be it county, city or township.

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